

SECONDARY GRADES AGRICULTURE CERTIFICATE (11401) Grades 7 - 12

The Secondary Grades Agriculture Certificate is valid for assignment as a Secondary Grades Agriculture teacher in grades 7 - 12 in Rhode Island public schools.

Certification Requirements for full Rhode Island Certification¹

To be issued a certificate in Secondary Grades Agriculture an applicant must satisfy all of the following:

- Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution
- Completion of an approved program or RIDE Credential Review for the preparation of Secondary Grades Agriculture Teachers
- Completion of a minimum of 12 weeks of Student Teaching in this area and a minimum of 60 hours Field Experience prior to Student Teaching
- Demonstration of meeting the Professional Competencies of the Rhode Island Professional Teaching Standards (RIPTS)
- Demonstration of meeting the Content Competencies as prescribed by the American Association for Agricultural Education (AAAE)
- Other requirements:
 - Meet all Rhode Island pedagogy and subject matter testing requirements for this certificate area

Assessment Requirements

Go to www.ets.org for test registration, dates and locations

All applicants must meet the following Rhode Island assessment requirements:

- Applicants must achieve a passing score of 157 on the Praxis II Principles of Learning and Teaching - Grades 7-12 (5624) AND a passing score of 147 on the Praxis II Agriculture test (5701).
- Applicants prepared in a program where the language of instruction was not English must achieve a passing score of 64 on the Versant Pro Speaking and Writing English assessments.

Current Routes to Certification

Certification may be attained through the following routes:

- **Reciprocity** - Reciprocity is recognition of preparation or certification in another state as comparable to Rhode Island. Applicants seeking certification through reciprocity must demonstrate that they meet all Rhode Island certification assessment requirements, hold the additional required certificate and meet all experience requirements when applicable. Applicants can attain certification by completing a state approved program for Educator Certification in a state other than Rhode Island within the last 5 years OR by demonstrating that they hold a currently valid full certificate in another state.
- **RIDE Credential Review:** Applicants who have not completed an approved program can be certified by RIDE Credential Review by presenting evidence of the following:

¹ Full Certification in Rhode Island means a multi-year certificate that demonstrates the educator has met all Rhode Island requirements for certification in the three-tier certification system (Initial, Professional, or Advanced certification). Full Certification does not include Preliminary Certifications which require educators to meet additional requirements to attain full certifications. Full certifications in Rhode Island are comparable to National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) stage three or higher certificates and are recognized by other states for certificate reciprocity.

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- 6 semester hours of student teaching in the relevant area and at the appropriate grade level. (The student teaching requirement may be waived for an applicant who has had two or more documented years of successful teaching experience in an approved secondary setting.)
- Not less than 18 semester hours of course work to include work in each of the following areas:
 - Adolescent Psychology
 - Secondary Methods
 - Measurements and Evaluation
 - Identification of and Service to Special Needs Students
 - Teaching of Reading in the Content Area
 - Foundations of Education
- Not less than 36 semester hours of coursework to include work in each of the following areas:
 - Plant Science
 - Animal Science
 - Related Mechanics
 - Related Economics
- Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution
- Meet all Rhode Island assessment requirement(s) for this certificate area

